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Ships still on feds' agenda, MacKay says

PROJECT Defence Minister Peter MacKay says Ottawa hasn't scrapped its plans to replace the aging HM-CS Preserve and Protecteur.

"We have every intention, I assure you, every intention of moving ahead with the program," MacKay said Friday at a defence industry conference in Halifax.

Late last month, the Conservative government quietly opted out of the \$2.9-billion project, saying the bids it got were "significantly" higher than the budget.

MacKay said Friday Ottawa is still committed to the program and wants Atlantic Canada to play a "prominent" role in building the new ships.

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Our Idol the underdog?



Conservative Party Leader Stephen Harper holds his press secretary's little girl, Georgia Soudas, who wants to go back to her mother Elizabeth, before boarding his campaign plane in Ottawa enroute to Quebec City yesterday. **For more campaign coverage, including Lawrence Martin's election analysis, see page 10.**

Election won't be child's play: Harper

Tory leader downplays majority chances in 'tough' race

Moments after Prime Minister Stephen Harper triggered a federal election for Tuesday, Oct. 14, he downplayed prospects of a majority win, saying even a stronger minority government is a prize worth going to the voters a year early for.

"I'm in this election to win. We believe it's going to be a tough election. We believe it will be a tight election and yes, we believe it will be, in all likelihood, it will be a minority," he said.

He denied his decision to pull the plug was motivated by opinion polls showing the Conservatives may be in

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reach of a majority.

Harper said at a time of global economic uncertainty, "we have come to a moment that requires the people of Canada to choose."

He urged voters to look at the immediate economic picture and the question of "competent leadership."

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion called Harper's government "the largest spending government in Canadian history. But ... they govern for the next day, the next poll, the next election.

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Dion promised his plan to tax carbon fuels, excluding gasoline, would lessen taxes on hard-hit individuals and industries.

NDP Leader Jack Layton urged voters to "say goodbye to the George Bush era in our own conduct abroad."

"Stephen Harper announced he is quitting as prime minister, so today I'm announcing that I'm applying for his job," he said.

Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe pitched his party as the key to blocking a Conservative majority.

Early run

• Harper's Conservatives previously passed legislation that set Oct. 19, 2009 as the fixed date for the next general election.

He slammed Harper for quitting the UN's Kyoto treaty on climate change and said Harper is waging a war on culture in Quebec.

Green Leader Elizabeth May called on voters to flex their muscle to fight climate change, "child poverty, world peace and nuclear disarmament."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Weekend shootings not random, police say

GUNPLAY It was a busy weekend for gunplay as there were two shots-fired incidents on the weekend.

The first happened early Saturday morning when three shots were fired at a passing car. Police say one of two men standing on the sidewalk of Gottingen Street and Buddy Daye Drive in Halifax fired at a car at 1:40 a.m. The vehicle was struck at least once before speeding off.

The only description of the suspects is they were black men last seen heading west on Buddy Daye Street.

Then on Saturday night, two shots were fired at a house on Lemon Walk in Halifax at around 11:20 p.m. Police have charged a 19-year-old man with assault with a weapon, uttering threats and firearms charges. He'll be in court this morning.

Both unrelated incidents are not considered random.

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Cops seek suspect in home invasion

ARMED Halifax regional police are looking for a man who pulled off a brazen gunpoint robbery at 5 a.m. yesterday.

Investigators say a man walked into a couple's home on the 5700 block of Atlantic Street through an unlocked door. He pointed a gun at them, and told them he was looking for money. Then he searched their home, stole several items and fled.

Police say the suspect is a 30- to 40-year-old, heavy-set, six-foot black man, wearing a ski mask covering most of his face and a tracksuit.

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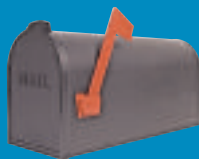
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Frank Hoskins named to provincial court bench

A Halifax crown attorney is being benched. Frank Hoskins was named the province's newest provincial court judge. He was appointed by the justice minister on Friday. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Local



First crown share payment comes in

Wouldn't you love a cheque for \$234.4 million? The province received its first crown share adjustment payment from the feds on Friday afternoon. The crown share, which replaced the Atlantic Accord, is for offshore oil and gas projects. Just over \$164 million of it will be going to reduce the debt.

METRO HALIFAX

When a Metro reporter flies

Soaring with Snowboards proved too much for Paul McLeod's stomach

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Few things compare to the sheer wonder and majesty of throwing up 700 feet above Halifax.

On the eve of the Nova Scotia International Air Show, Canada's own top guns, the Snowbirds, invited me into the air for a fly-over of Halifax.

We all take off at once and gather together with military precision. All nine planes fly in an arrow formation, only metres apart. It seems like a single sneeze could lead to disaster, but these guys are pros.

Our flight had it all. The beauty. The wonder. The chicken salad sandwich I had for lunch.

Everything is done by hand, eyes and skill. Though the Snowbirds fly complex routines in a tiny cluster, there are no computers telling them when they're too close together.

Instead, they constantly watch on their fellow pilots while keeping one hand steadily on the throttle while the other steers. "It's a thousand constant adjustments," says my pilot, Capt. Sean Hanson, a second-year Snowbird from Vancouver.

What I didn't know is looking through a camera viewfinder while flying can make you nauseous. But even feeling sick, looking down on whales swim-



ABOVE: Vancouver's Captain Sean Hanson and the rest of the Snowbirds manoeuvres a steep, banking turn near the airport.

RIGHT: One of the Snowbirds soars over Halifax Friday afternoon in a flyover before Saturday's air show.

FAR RIGHT: Planes fly in formation at the Halifax International Airshow on Saturday.

ming off the coast of Nova Scotia is breathtaking.

Our flight had it all. The beauty. The wonder. The chicken salad sandwich I'd eaten for lunch.

"This is a perfect day for flying," Hanson says to me, as we pass Peggy's Cove.

"Magical," I reply, clutching my barf bag.



Hanson comforts me with the news this happens to lots of people. And keep in mind this is a tame flight. I'm told the day-to-day stunts these guys do — the barrel rolls, flying upside down — would be far too violent

for an untrained flyer.

Sadly, the air show itself on Saturday had to be shortened because of an inconsiderate tropical storm. But there's always next time.

The Snowbirds do 65 shows this year over a six-



month stretch. It's a grueling schedule, but something they don't get tired of.

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News in brief

FIRE Firefighters rescued residents of an apartment building early yesterday morning. Crews were dispatched just before 3 a.m. to a building on River Road in Halifax. Police said initial reports said some residents were trapped on the third floor, but firefighters got everyone out safely. Two residents — an elderly woman and a man — were treated for smoke inhalation. Police are still looking into what started the fire.

DRIVE-BY Police are investigating a drive-by assault on a taxi driver yesterday morning. At around 2:30 a.m. a cabbie was driving on Novalea Drive in Halifax when a vehicle slowed down beside him. Someone sprayed him with what police suspect is mace. The cab driver pulled over and the other vehicle sped off.

BREAK-IN Three men, one armed with a handgun, entered a residence on Mansion Road in Halifax on Friday night. Police say the three men confronted the occupants of the house, but there were no injuries reported. The suspect with the gun was described as a white man, five-foot-nine, wearing a hoodie and jeans.

ASSAULT A 21-year-old man was beaten with a pipe on Friday night. It happened in the South and Oxford streets area in Halifax. An 18-year-old suspect allegedly struck the victim with a piece of pipe he was carrying. The victim was left with minor injuries to his hands. The suspect was charged with assault with a weapon and possession of a weapon.

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What's online today.

Watch as Green Party Leader Elizabeth May urges Canadians to ignore the American election and instead focus on our own future. Also, the military reacts to the latest death of a Canadian soldier in Afghanistan.

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Feds' \$2M investment in farmer's market praised

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HRM Richard Rand is happy the federal government will invest \$2 million towards a proposed new farmers market for the Halifax seawall.

The owner of the family-run Fox Hill Cheese House in Port Williams thinks the

new market, which will be twice the size and open six days a week instead of one, will be well-received by most vendors and the public.

"It is an opportunity," said Rand, who sells cheese at the market each Sunday.

"We'd like to see it grow so we can bring more things to HRM. That's where the people are. It's

simple as that."

The location of the proposed new Halifax Seaport Farmers Market is Pier 20, and carries with it a price tag of about \$10 million.

To date, about \$7 million has been raised, with a potential opening date within the next year.

The new market will include ground-floor rental space, a mezzanine level

"We'd like to see it grow so we can bring more things to HRM."

Richard Rand, owner Fox Hill Cheese House

and rooftop terrace and gardens.

The current market aver-

ages 6,000 customers every Saturday, but has outgrown its space.

"Direct producer to consumer sales is gaining strength in Nova Scotia and is one of the reasons our market needs to expand," Fred Kilcup, manager of the Nova Scotia Farmers' Market Development Co-operative Ltd., said in a release.

A Nova Scotian just got a huge promotion. Justice Thomas Cromwell, who is a Court of Appeal justice, will be filling an open spot on the Supreme Court of Canada. **METRO HALIFAX**

\$20M to Aurora planes

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While in Halifax on Saturday, Defence Minister Peter MacKay announced upgrades to Canada's aging Aurora aircraft.

He said the government will give a new overland

surveillance capability to conduct domestic sovereignty and security missions. The project will cost \$20 million and finish next year.

"I am proud to be announcing yet another example of our Conservative government's pledge to the safety and security of

Canadians at home and abroad," said MacKay in a statement released on Saturday.

"This additional investment will both complement and augment the upgrades and modernization efforts currently underway on the CP-140 fleet."

A \$10-million contract

was awarded to Massachusetts-based L-3 Communications, which will provide engineering and off-the-shelf components.

The military will begin replacing the Auroras starting in 2020. Both the air force and the navy are deciding on features in a new patrol aircraft.

Spruce beetle returns?

FORESTRY A costly foe for the forest industry is once again becoming a problem for Cape Breton woodlot owners.

Reports of the dreaded spruce beetle are beginning to surface across the island.

Officials with the Department of Natural Resources attribute the latest boon in the population to recent mild winters and a large source of food for the insects.

"Wherever you see mature or old field white spruce on the island of Cape Breton you will most likely find spruce beetle damage but we are (especially) seeing it in the Mabou Highlands and in the Inverness area," said entomologist Gina Penny. **METRO HALIFAX**

Astor theatre makeover

ARTS A cultural landmark in Nova Scotia is getting a facelift thanks to an investment by the Government of Canada, through the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA).

The Astor Theatre, Nova Scotia's oldest performing arts venue, will undergo \$172,000 in interior upgrades. **METRO HALIFAX**

Entrepreneur to offer free apprenticeship

BUSINESS A western Canadian entrepreneur and electrical engineer with fond memories of time spent working in central Nova Scotia is reconnecting with the region.

Ernie Wirtanen, has been working closely with Don Byers, business development manager with the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology.

He will sponsor an eight-week pre-apprentice electrical training course that will be offered to successful applicants free of charge. **METRO HALIFAX**

News in brief

SHOOTING Halifax Regional Police are investigating a gun-shot fired inside a home in the 5600 block of North Street at 8:04 p.m. No one was hurt. Police don't know what the motive was, but say the shooting was a random act. **METRO HALIFAX**



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Hanna's bark worse than bite

Post-tropical storm largely passes over Nova Scotia in favour of New Brunswick

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Hanna shut down the air show and a few businesses, but generally skipped over Halifax to dump her rain in New Brunswick yesterday.

The post-tropical storm was expected to unleash between 50 to 70 millimetres of rain over the already soggy northern and western regions of the province yesterday. Parts of New Brunswick were expected to get up to 120 to 130 millimetres of rain.

The Halifax Regional Municipality was left off the list of weather warnings, but residents were encouraged to get together emergency gear just in case.

The storm was less severe than expected, but Andrew Lathem, a spokesperson for the province's emergency management office, said it's good to have Nova Sco-



Two-year-old Angus Morrison of Mississauga, Ont., plays in a rain puddle on the Halifax waterfront yesterday afternoon.

tians prepared, even if it's just for the next storm.

"It went on a more northerly direction and I think you'll see it will have

more impact in New Brunswick, but it very well could have been Nova Scotia," said Lathem.

The Nova Scotia Interna-

tional Air Show scaled back this year's event to a limited number of acts on Saturday.

"With the safety of our

fans and performers foremost in our minds, and the viability of a show in serious doubt due to the incoming weather system,

we have chosen to stage a one-day air show," said Colin Stephenson, the show's executive director.

Some businesses in the HRM closed their doors yesterday because of the predicted heavy rainfall.

The Red Cross said 800 emergency response volunteers were ready to send help to any areas that were flooded.

"Hanna won't be filling a glass that was empty. She'll be trying to fill one that was already nearly full," said Bill Lawlor, director of disaster management for the Canadian Red Cross in Atlantic Canada.

"After considerable rainfall in the last month, the ground in much of the Atlantic region is already saturated, so even a few hours of intense rain can lead to flooding."

There were several delays at the Halifax Robert L. Stanfield International Airport yesterday for both arrivals and departures.

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Reptile Expo coming to town

It's almost time to get up close and snuggly with reptiles. The Nova Scotia Herpetoculture Society is hosting the first Halifax Reptile Expo in the Dalhousie Student Union Building on Sept. 28. **METRO HALIFAX**

Halifax Rifles back in action

MackKay announces the return of legendary reserve unit to active duty

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News that the legendary Halifax Rifles reserve unit will return to active duty brought tears to Edward Wheeler's eyes.

"We've been waiting years for this," Wheeler said, his voice shaking. "We've finally got the Halifax Rifles back where they belong."

On Friday, Defence Minister Peter MacKay announced the unit, which was disbanded in 1965, would begin recruiting again. It will eventually have 100 members, although military brass warned it will take months, if not years, to attract and fully train that many soldiers.

The Rifles was traditionally a cavalry unit, which opened in May 1860, and counted prime ministers Sir Charles Tupper and Sir Robert Borden among its members. It saw action during the Fenian raids,



Halifax Rifles World War II veteran retired captain Edward C. Wheeler, left, shares a laugh with Minister of National Defence Peter MacKay and Halifax Rifles retired brigadier general Edward Amy, right, at the Cunard Centre in Halifax, on Friday.

the Boer War, both World Wars and the Korean War.

MacKay said he didn't know exactly what tasks today's Rifles would get, but that it will either be a reconnaissance or an infantry unit.

"It's only appropriate that they defend Canada once again," MacKay said at a defence industry conference in Halifax Friday.

MacKay also announced a new unit to be created in Yellowknife. He had no de-

tails on how much staffing and training for both new units would cost.

Wheeler and other former Halifax Rifles members have been fighting for this for six years.

The Halifax grandfather,

now 87, was a student cadet in 1939, when a teacher who was with the Rifles drafted him.

"He said 'Wheeler, you're big and ugly enough to be in the army.' I said 'I'm only 15, sir.' In 10 minutes I went from 15 to 18," Wheeler laughed.

He spent the Second World War with the Halifax Rifles, going overseas in 1943 as a tank crew commander and fighting in the battle of Normandy.

Wheeler later urged his grandson, who he says was "drifting," to follow him into the armed forces.

"Now, he's a true soldier."

RCMP wants to get kids thinking

COLCHESTER Attention kids in Colchester: The RCMP is on its way.

Const. Greg Wiley will meet with Grade 9 students in schools throughout the county in the next few weeks to get young ones thinking about their decision-making skills.

"The goal of the presentation is to help youth understand how they make decisions and the impact that can happen in their lives," said Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Christie, district commander of the RCMP in Colchester.

Wiley will pass on his experience to other school-liaison officers from around the province later this month.

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The Quebec government has ordered the recall of 11 cheeses because they may contain the listeria bacterium. The province said that one person had died and 14 others were sent to hospital because of listeriosis. Health officials said there could be as many as 24 cases.

SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

Canada



Newfoundland next for Hanna

Residents of Newfoundland are preparing for heavy rains and high winds as the remnants of tropical storm Hanna approach the island. Environment Canada said the storm would hit the southwest corner of the province last night. Those areas can expect 40 to 60 millimetres of rain with winds gusting to 60 km/h.

SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

Soldier killed, seven injured

Afghan roadside bomb claims 97th

A Canadian soldier was killed and seven were wounded yesterday when their armored vehicle struck an explosive device while on patrol in southern Afghanistan, the military announced.



Sgt. Prescott Shipway of Shilo, Manitoba, was the 97th Canadian soldier killed since Ottawa sent troops to Afghanistan in late 2002.

Three Canadian soldiers were killed Wednesday when their armored vehicle was attacked by Afghan militants.

Canada's top soldier Chief of Defence Staff Lieutenant-General Walter Natynczyk has called a recent jump in attacks on his troops worrisome.

The seven soldiers who were wounded yesterday were reported to be in good condition, according to a statement from the Department of National Defence.

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Ottawa Thousands attend Latin culture festival



Thousands of people lined streets in Ottawa yesterday to watch the colours of the Latin American Festival Parade pass them by. Above, Paula Bernal, with the Esmeralda Folkloric Ballet dancers of Colombia perform.

NDP gets jump on PM's Google ads

POLITICS The New Democratic party has purchased ads on Google searches for Stephen Harper, the Conservative Party, Stéphane Dion, Liberal Party, Gilles Duceppe, Bloc Québécois, Elizabeth May and the Green Party.

What's the value of a name? Well, \$6, for Stephen Harper. That's how much the NDP is paying each time someone clicks on the Jack Layton ad after entering the prime minister's name in Google's search engine.

News in brief

DRUGS A Canadian research study has found a new drug formulation that would allow diabetes patients to administer treatments once a week, instead of a current twice-daily routine. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Pirate ship destroyed off the coast of Somalia

An unidentified warship off pirate-ridden Somali waters captured 14 pirates and destroyed their boat yesterday. Hijackings by pirates have become common in the area, but hostages are often treated well in the hope of hefty ransoms. The pirates are currently holding over 130 crew members. **REUTERS**

World/Business

Threads of state draw buzz

Wives of U.S. presidential candidates in style spotlight

Cindy McCain or Michelle Obama for the White House? Among fashionistas, the wives of presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama are drawing the kind of enthusiasm Nancy Reagan and Jacqueline Kennedy once attracted.

While Obama won fans for wearing a \$150 dress on talk show *The View*, McCain drew attention for her expensive tastes; one outfit she wore at the Republican National Convention this week was estimated to be worth \$300,000.

Palin meets press

• Sarah Palin will begin her first string of national media interviews likely starting Thursday or Friday this week, beginning with Charlie Gibson of ABC.

Vice-presidential hopeful Sarah Palin, who took part in beauty pageants in her youth, has also generated some buzz.

"That's a different look, because you have to look a little bit more serious and

professional," said Mickey Blum, director of survey research at Baruch College.

The consensus at New York Fashion Week was both potential first ladies have style. But most designers in the traditionally Democratic-leaning industry would rather dress Obama, who scored her second inclusion in Vanity Fair's annual International Best Dressed list this year.

"I am in the fashion in-

dustrial, I live in New York - I'm probably not going to go for McCain to dress," designer Rebecca Taylor said.

"Michelle is really fresh and she could sort of go where Jackie O went given the right sort of tools and grooming," she said.

"I think it could be nice for America to have somebody who's a little bit more stylish as their first lady."

REUTERS



Sarah Palin

California Hang 20



A dog shakes off some water while catching a wave at the 3rd annual Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon in Del Mar, Calif. yesterday.

Civilian deaths from air strikes rising: Report

AFGHANISTAN The U.S. has stepped up its use of air strikes in Afghanistan, increasing civilian casualties, the New York-based group Human Rights Watch said in a report yesterday.

Civilian deaths due to air strikes in 2007 totaled 321, almost tripling the 2006 count, the report said. In the first seven months of 2008, at least 119 civilians were killed in air strikes.

They added the increase has led to "large numbers of civilian casualties, controversy over the use of airpower in Afghanistan, and intense criticism of U.S. and NATO forces by Afghan political leaders and the public."

REUTERS

News in brief

PAKISTAN Asif Ali Zardari, the widower of former Pakistani prime minister Benazir Bhutto, swept to victory in a presidential election Saturday. Investors and allies hope the win will bring stability after months of political turmoil and rising militant violence. That same day, a car bomber killed at least 30 in the city of Peshawar.

CAIRO Egyptian workers cut through a railway embankment yesterday to bring heavy equipment to the site of a rock fall which killed at least 34 people in a Cairo shantytown. Giant rocks rolled off a nearby cliff onto houses and people Saturday, some weighing more than 200 tonnes.

REUTERS

Ike hits Cuba and Haiti, nears Gulf

STORM Hurricane Ike roared ashore in northeastern Cuba yesterday with 190 km/h winds, torrential rains and massive waves that rolled through coastal towns. Ike's eye came ashore near Punta Lucrécia, about 820 kilometres southeast of Havana, after adding to deaths in Haiti and ripping through the southern Bahamas on a path to the Gulf of Mexico.

Crashing waves ahead of the Category 3 hurricane with 190 km/h winds swept inland in the coastal state of Baracoa, flooding low-lying areas and causing rivers to back up over

their banks.

Ike began what forecasters said could become a two-day trek through the heart of Cuba, which is still reeling from the onslaught of Hurricane Gustav.

Cuban officials said over 1 million people had been evacuated in a matter of hours yesterday.

Before heading to Cuba, Ike dumped more heavy rain on Haiti, where at least 47 people have died in the town of Cabaret.

Roofs were ripped off and power lines were knocked down at Great Inagua, the Bahamas' south-

Gaining steam

• Forecasters expected Ike to weaken to a Category 1 storm on the five-step Saffir-Simpson intensity scale over Cuba but to regain Category 3 strength as it nears the U.S. Gulf coast.

ernmost island, and Britain's Turks and Caicos islands.

Forecasters said Ike would likely enter the Gulf of Mexico, potentially threatening New Orleans. The Florida Keys islands have been evacuated as a precaution.

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Business

Anti-counterfeiting pact creates worry

A proposed anti-counterfeiting pact has some intellectual property experts concerned it will lead to intrusions into the lives of innocent people, including border searches of music players and laptops by customs agents looking for illegally obtained material.

The Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement, which U.S. trade representative Susan Schwab announced last October would be completed by the end of 2008, is currently being negotiated among several countries.

The treaty is supported

by the movie and music industry and other businesses, which have aggressively sought to defend their works from counterfeiting, commercial piracy and illegal copying over the Internet.

The treaty will not require approval by the U.S. Senate.

All this worries Susan Sell, director of the Institute for Global and

International Studies at George Washington University.

"Consumers have not been invited into this process. It's a handful of industry and there's no balance," she said.

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New CAW head blasts Tories

POLITICS Ken Lewenza, a local union leader from Windsor who has been named the new president of the Canadian Auto Workers, has roasted the federal Conservatives over their handling of Canada's manufacturing sector.

Lewenza, who was unanimously elected by about 500 CAW delegates at a convention in Toronto, blasted Prime Minister Stephen Harper for the country's beleaguered manufacturing industry and thousands of laid-off workers ignored for three

years until last week.

"We've got to stop him in his tracks," Lewenza told the crowd, referring to the federal election campaign called yesterday. "We can't be fooled by his deceit."

He said it was hypocritical for the government to refuse financial aid to struggling companies, claiming it is not in the business of picking corporate winners and losers, but then turn around and give money to them in the last days before an election call.

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Election 2008

Who will shake things up?

Leaders in the spotlight must offer something new for Canadian voters

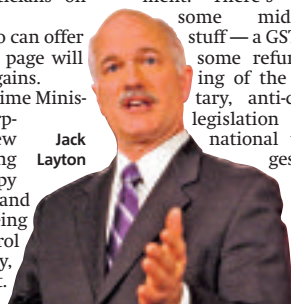
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for Metro Canada

As the election begins, Canadians have a wish. Surprise us somebody. Give us something to get excited about.

Poll after poll has shown a public turned off by ugly democracy, by the cheap games, by politicians on the low road.

The leader who can offer a turning of the page will be the one who gains.

Thus we see Prime Minister Stephen Harper offering a new look. He's coming on as Mr. Happy Face. After two and a half years of being labelled a control freak and a bully, he's going soft.



Jack Layton

Check the the doting-dad TV ads. "I play a lot of card games with my kids," he intones. "We go to movies."

Good work, pop! The PM wants it to be a person campaign more than an issue campaign. One reason is his higher leadership ratings. Another is that his government lacks a big accomplishment. There's been some middling stuff — a GST cut, some refurbishing of the military, anti-crime legislation and national unity ges-

News analysis

tures. But on what many see as the big four issues — the economy, the environment, health care, the Afghan war — there's not a lot for the Conservatives to boast about.

The election will likely pivot on the performance of Liberal

Leader Stéphane Dion. If

Stephen Harper

Stéphane Dion



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he significantly exceeds his terribly low expectations, it will be a horse race. If he conforms to his drippy image, the NDP will make gains, the Green party could win seats and Team Harper will romp to a majority.

Dion has to sell his Green Shift as a tax break as opposed to a tax grab. He has to come across as crisp and firm in his convictions. Yesterday, he tried

reaching out to Quebec, where he is in big trouble, with a big new appeal to Quebec nationalists.

Like the others, NDP Leader Jack Layton is also shaking things up. Tired of third party status, he says he is now shooting for the No. 1 spot.

Harper isn't trembling in his boots over those delusions of grandeur. His only fear is the longshot chance that Dion rises from the dead.

In the last campaign, Harper entered the race, like Dion today, with a lowly image. He surprised many with a steady, competent performance. He got lucky and he won.

Lawrence Martin is a Globe and Mail correspondent/columnist. He's written 10 books and writes about national affairs from Ottawa.

Retiring



Foreign Affairs Minister David Emerson won't be seeking re-election on Oct. 14.

Familiar faces won't return

GOODBYE A partial list of MPs who won't be running in the fall election:

Bloc Québécois

Pauline Picard (Drummond)

Caroline St-Hilaire

(Longueuil-Pierre-Boucher)

Conservatives

Dave Batters (Palliser)

Joe Comuzzi (Thunder Bay-Superior North)

Norm Doyle (St. John's East)

David Emerson (Vancouver-Kingsway)

Ken Epp (Edmonton-Sherwood Park)

Brian Fitzpatrick (Prince Albert)

Loyola Hearn (St. John's South-Mount Pearl)

Betty Hinton (Kamloops-Thompson-Cariboo)

Brian Pallister (Portage-Lisgar)

Carol Skelton (Saskatoon-Rosetown-Biggart)

Monte Solberg (Medicine Hat)

Myron Thompson (Wild Rose)

John Williams (Edmonton-St. Albert)

Liberals

Raymond Bonin (Nickel Belt)

Colleen Beaumier (Brampton West)

Brenda Chamberlain (Guelph)

Roy Cullen (Etobicoke North)

John Godfrey (Don Valley West)

Nancy Karetak-Lindal (Nunavut)

Paul Martin (LaSalle-Émard)

Bill Matthews (Random-Burin-St. George's)

Joe McGuire (Egmont)

Lucienne Robillard (Westmount-Ville Marie)

Andy Scott (Fredericton)

Paul Steckle (Huron-Bruce)

Belinda Stronach (Newmarket-Aurora)

Tom Wappel (Scarborough Southwest)

New Democrats

Bill Blaikie (Elmwood-Transcona)

Alexa McDonough (Halifax)

Penny Priddy (Surrey North)

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Key issues

• Here are some issues that are likely to dominate the campaign for the Oct. 14 election.

CARBON TAX — The Liberal Party has proposed carbon taxes to cut greenhouse gas emissions and fight climate change, and will use the money to cut income taxes and boost subsidies to the poor. Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion says the changes will improve Canada's competitive position, but the Conservatives say the current economic slowdown means it is not the right time for new taxes and say greenhouse emissions can be limited by regulation.

ECONOMY — Prime Minister Stephen Harper proposes no major new tax cuts or spending, saying a steady hand is needed in troubled times. He says tax cuts introduced over the past year are enough to guide Canada through the current slowdown. Dion wants the government to play a bigger role, particularly in providing help to struggling manufacturers.

LEADERSHIP — Dion trails well behind Harper in opinion polls on who would make a better prime minister, and he is behind NDP Leader Jack Layton in some surveys. The Conservatives say he is a vacillating leader who is "not worth the risk." The Liberals, for their part, say Harper broke a promise not to tax income trusts and is violating the spirit of his fixed-election date law by triggering an election now.

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For Nova Scotia the federal election looks like it will come down to the three E's — economy, experience and environment.

The Conservatives say they're the most qualified to give Nova Scotia financial security. Opposition candidates, meanwhile, are painting the Tories as untrustworthy and ambivalent to Nova Scotia with the loss of the Atlantic Accord.

"One of the biggest questions Nova Scotians need to ask is who can they trust to defend their interests in Ottawa," Liberal MP Scott Brison told Metro.

Brison said Prime Minister Stephen Harper showed he didn't care about the interests of Nova Scotians when he "ripped up" the Atlantic Accord.

"Does (Brison) mean the improvement to the Atlantic Accord that gives increased flexibility and benefit to the province?" countered Defence Minister Peter MacKay. "Or do you mean the \$890 million that was delivered through the Crown share?"

The Conservatives have



Defence Minister Peter MacKay will face Green party Leader Elizabeth May in the Central Nova riding.

sharply criticized the Liberals' Green Shift — MacKay called it a "green shaft" — with claims it would increase taxes to unaffordable levels. The Liberals have countered that the

prices will be offset by other tax cuts and said the Conservatives are afraid to have a real green debate.

Meanwhile, the NDP says neither party has shown a real commitment to the en-

"One of the biggest questions Nova Scotians need to ask is who can they trust to defend their interests in Ottawa."

Liberal MP Scott Brison

vironment.

"Our record is intact," said Halifax NDP MLA Alexa McDonough. "There's nothing better than to have a record to run on instead of empty rhetoric and words. I mean, the Liberals have no policy to run on because they didn't do anything when they had the power and the numbers to make a difference."

Green party Leader Elizabeth May said the most important issue is managing the economy to make it both prosperous and sustainable. May takes on MacKay in the Central Nova riding.

Other interesting races include the scramble to fill McDonough's Halifax seat. The NDP have three candidates vying for the job and Liberal MLA Diana Whalen is considering putting her name forward.

News in brief

SECURITY NDP Leader Jack Layton had some extra minders as he launched his election campaign yesterday — RCMP officers who will act

as his bodyguards until the Oct. 14 vote. The opposition leaders are usually given police protection during elections.

NOISE Stephen Harper unveiled his election bid on the scenic grounds of Rideau Hall with a fountain as a backdrop. But first they had to

shut off the fountain so the noise of the bubbling water wasn't caught on the microphones.

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36 days remain until the 2008 Canadian federal election

Plant a tree

If 1 million people planted a tree, 1.33 million tons of CO₂ would be absorbed over the trees' lives, according to *The Live Earth: Global Warming Survival Handbook* by David de Rothschild.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Going Green

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Ideas, values remain true over the years

ScienceMatters

David Suzuki & Dr. Faisal Moola



Now in the seventh decade of my life, I look back at the world of my childhood, with its shared phone lines, ice boxes, radio soap operas, and no television, and it seems like an ancient, lost civilization. And yet the ideas and values I learned as a child seem every bit as important for today's youth, for whom rappers, billionaires and movie stars are role models.

When I was a boy, my father was a bigger-than-life figure, a wonderful storyteller who enchanted people with his outgoing personality. He was my hero. He took me camping and

fishing and instilled in me a love of nature and the outdoors. When he came home from work, he always asked me what I had learned in school, and as I recounted my lessons, he seemed genuinely interested, often amplifying my information or correcting me.

I loved those sessions, and I now realize that he was reinforcing my education by making me recount what I had learned.

Dad was my biggest booster, but he was also my harshest critic. When I began in television, he followed everything I did. More than once when he couldn't follow my narrative, he would call and bawl me out: "If I can't understand what you are saying, how do you expect someone who doesn't know you at all to follow your ideas?" To this day, I think of my father as my audience whenever I prepare a script or write a book.

My mother was the rock-solid foundation of the

"You must stand up for what you believe in, but be prepared for people to be angry and to disagree. If you want to be liked by everyone, then you will stand for nothing."

family. She was the first up in the morning and the last to bed at night, but unlike Dad, she did it quietly. I only understood how important she was as she developed Alzheimer's disease and I watched Dad struggle to fill her shoes. I begged him to allow me to hire help for him, but he declined.

"She gave her all for me," he said, "and it's my turn to pay her back."

Both my parents are now dead, and in my own dotage, I think about the important lessons I want to pass on to my children and grandchildren — and I realize they are the same lessons I got from Dad. I can't help think they are not quaint ideas from the past but very modern ones that we need desperately today.

"Respect your elders," he

told me.

"Live within your means." This important lesson is embodied in the familiar expression, "Save some for a rainy day."

"You must stand up for what you believe in, but be prepared for people to be angry and to disagree. If you want to be liked by everyone, then you will stand for nothing."

Today's youth are bombarded with news about the antics of Lindsay Lohan, Amy Winehouse and Jay-Z and look to them for inspiration, but that's all the more reason to listen to the words of our elders.

Take David Suzuki's Nature Challenge and learn more at www.david.suzuki.org.

Dr. David T. Suzuki is a Vancouver-based award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster.

Don't be a drip

Fix that leaky tap. One drip per second can add up to about a half a litre per hour. Dripping for a year would waste enough water to: Fill 28,000 glasses; wash 28 loads of clothes; provide 56 showers; flush 700 toilets; clean your teeth 14,000 times, according to *Greenology: How To Live Well, Be Green And Make A Difference* by Tanya Ha. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Arctic gull sets pollution record as most contaminated

POLLUTANTS A small Arctic gull has set a record as the bird most contaminated by two banned industrial pollutants, scientists said late last week.

Eggs of the ivory gull, which has a population of about 14,000 from Siberia to Canada, were found to have the highest known concentrations of PCBs, long used in products such as paints or plastics, and

the pesticide DDT.

The long-lasting chemicals, swept north by prevailing winds and currents from industrial centres, often end up in the Arctic where they build up in fatty tissues of animals, fish and birds.

The survey was carried out after reports that numbers of ivory gulls had plunged by 80 per cent in Canada.

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Former world record holder Asafa Powell continued his good form yesterday, winning the 100 metres at the Rieti Grand Prix in Italy with a time of 9.82 seconds. **REUTERS**

Sports

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Purcey leads Jays to 8th straight win

MLB David Purcey threw eight shutout innings and Rod Barajas knocked in the lone run with a sacrifice fly, as the red-hot Toronto Blue Jays completed a three-game sweep of the struggling Tampa Bay Rays with a 1-0 victory at Rogers Centre yesterday.

Adam Lind doubled and scored the only run for Toronto, which has won eight in a row.

Calvillo powers Als past Argos

CFL Anthony Calvillo threw for 369 yards and three touchdowns while rushing for another as the Alouettes crushed the Toronto Argonauts 45-19 yesterday in Montreal.

Calvillo connected on 36-of-49 throws, while Ben Cahoon and Kerry Watkins had 110 and 108 receiving yards, respectively, for Montreal, which stays atop the Eastern division with a 7-3 record.

'Riders come back to shock Bombers

CFL Michael Bishop helped rally Saskatchewan from down 17 points in the fourth quarter and Luca Congi kicked the game-tying and game-winning field goals with under two minutes to play, as the Roughriders shocked the Blue Bombers with a 34-31 comeback win in Winnipeg yesterday.

Bishop tossed touchdowns of 45 and 34 yards after Winnipeg built a 31-14 lead and then set up Congi's field goal.

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Sports in brief

RACING Two-time NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson held off Tony Stewart to win his second consecutive race with victory at Richmond International Speedway yesterday.

RACING Lewis Hamilton was stripped of a thrilling Belgian Grand Prix victory yesterday for cutting a chicane. Ferrari's Felipe Massa was given the win.

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Serena reigns at U.S. Open

Murray upsets world No. 1 Nadal to set up title showdown with Federer

American Serena Williams won her ninth grand slam title by beating tenacious Serbian Jelena Jankovic 6-4, 7-5 in a high-quality U.S. Open women's final last night in New York.

The 26-year-old broke Jankovic three times to take the opening set before saving four set points in the second to seal victory in two hours four minutes and regain the world No. 1 ranking.

Williams, who swept away Russian Dinara Safina 6-3, 6-2 in the semifinals, fended off spectacular retrieving by Jankovic with her power game to clinch a third U.S. Open crown but her first in New York since 2002.

"I'm so excited," a beaming Williams said in a courtside interview. "It is that special because I've been working so hard."

"And I wasn't even going for No. 1 and it's just like an added bonus."

On the men's side, Andy Murray gave himself a

chance to end a 72-year U.S. Open drought for British men by outwitting world No. 1 Rafael Nadal yesterday to reach the final against four-time winner Roger Federer.

Murray, 21, completed a rousing 6-2, 7-6, 4-6, 6-4 victory in a semifinal suspended by rain on Saturday to advance to his maiden grand slam final and bid to become the first British man to win any of the four majors since Fred Perry took the U.S. crown in 1936.

Federer, winner of 12 grand slams, had booked his berth in the final with his best match of the tournament a 6-3, 5-7, 7-5, 6-2 victory over Australian Open winner Novak Djokovic in a semifinal completed on Saturday before rain washed out play.

The 27-year-old Swiss has an even older milestone within reach as a victory against Murray would make him the first man to win five U.S. titles in a row since Bill Tilden in 1924. **REUTERS**



American Serena Williams celebrates her victory over Jelena Jankovic of Serbia in the women's final at the U.S. Open last night at Flushing Meadows in New York.

Pats hold breath over Brady injury

NFL The New England Patriots survived a game-ending knee injury to MVP quarterback Tom Brady to beat the Kansas City Chiefs 17-10 on the opening weekend of the NFL season yesterday.

Brady injured his left knee midway the first quarter when hit by Kansas City safety Bernard Pollard. He fell to the ground and grabbed his knee before limping off the field.

Jets 20, Dolphins 14 — Former Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre came back from retirement to throw two touchdown passes in New York's win at Miami.

Panthers 26, Chargers 24 — Carolina shocked San Diego on Jake Delhomme's TD pass to Dante Rosario as time expired.

Cowboys 28, Browns 10 — Dallas cruised to a road win over Cleveland behind Tony Romo's 320 yards passing and Marion Barber's two TD runs.

Saints 20, Buccaneers 20 — Drew Brees threw three TD passes in a 343-yard performance for New Orleans.

Eagles 38, Rams 3 —



Patriots quarterback Tom Brady is helped off the field by trainers after being injured against Kansas City Chiefs during New England's NFL season opener yesterday.

Donovan McNabb passed for 361 yards and three TDs in Philadelphia's rout of St. Louis.

Steelers 38, Texans 17 — Willie Parker ran for three TDs and Ben Roethlisberger passing for two more in Pittsburgh's win.

Titans 17, Jaguars 10 — Tennessee's defence sacked Jacksonville quarterback David Garrard seven times and intercepted him twice.

Falcons 34, Lions 21 — Michael Turner ran for two

TDs and a team-record 220 yards for Atlanta.

Bills 34, Seahawks 10 — Buffalo, energized by Roscoe Parrish's 63-yard second-quarter punt return for a TD, crushed Seattle.

Cardinals 23, 49ers 13 — Arizona pulled away from San Francisco in the second half for a road victory.

Ravens 17, Bengals 10 — The Baltimore defence stuffed Chris Perry on a crucial 4th-and-1 late in the fourth quarter. **REUTERS**

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Boxing

Halifax native Tyson Cave, right, earned a unanimous decision over Ricardo Blackman in a pro-am boxing card at Palooka's Gym in Halifax on Saturday night. The super-bantamweight fighter improved his professional record to 6-0. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Marsman saves the day

Halifax quarterback shows off versatility as he helps Huskies earn win

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Your initial reaction when Nathan Marsman gets the football is one of concern.

He's too small to be a university quarterback. He's going to get killed!

A few snaps later, you'll have another thought.

This kid is making something out of nothing. He ... could ... go ... all ... the ... way!

The Halifax native made his debut with the Saint Mary's Huskies on Friday, and while he didn't go all the way, he made electrifying plays in a narrow 14-12 win over the Acadia Axemen in Atlantic University Sport play at Huskies Stadium.

Marsman, known as Nathan Beeler during his high school days with the St. Patrick's Irish, thrilled the crowd of nearly 4,000 by spitting off dynamic runs of 27, 15 and 13 yards while engineering an 88-yard second-quarter touchdown drive.

With 6-foot-5 Erik Glavic on the sidelines recovering from a knee injury, the 5-foot-10, 170-pound Marsman looked like a miniature version of the reigning Hec Crighton winner.

"I'm definitely a mover, not a pocket guy, but I'm trying to expand my horizons," a beaming Marsman said afterward.

The Huskies produced 321 total yards offensively, with 227 rushing — 58 from Marsman — and 103 passing.



Saint Mary's quarterback Nathan Marsman is hauled down by Acadia's Tom Labenski and Richard Johnson during the fourth quarter of Friday night's game at Huskies Stadium. The Huskies eked out a 14-12 win, thanks in no small part to Marsman's performance.

"He definitely can run and he made some big plays," Huskies head coach Steve Sumarah said.

"I'm definitely a mover, not a pocket guy, but I'm trying to expand my horizons."

Nathan Marsman

had planned to rotate as Abraham, Beeler and Patrick Hooey throughout the night, but Marsman's quick feet caught the Axemen off guard and he

scored a touchdown on his first drive. Marsman ran the show from that point on. "When I first went in, I was nervous," Marsman said. "Coach was like, 'Warm up!' And my stomach went crazy."

"Coach said we were all going to play, and I didn't expect to stay in the game the whole time, but I guess if something's working, you don't really want to go away from it."

Marsman graduated from St. Pat's three years

ago and headed west to play for Blake Nill's Calgary Dinos. He spent two years there, but was used mostly as a receiver, so he

headed to Ottawa last season to play quarterback for a junior team.

There, he caught Sumarah's eye.

"When he came here, we said, 'It depends on the situation with Erik where we'll put you, either at receiver or quarterback,'" Sumarah said. "So far, it's

worked out for him."

Sumarah said. "A lot of that comes with expectations, and with expectations, guys expected it to be easy," Sumarah said.

Saint Mary's visits the nationally-10th-ranked Bishop's Gaiters on Saturday.

In other action on the weekend, running back James Green of Halifax picked up 132 yards and a touchdown on 22 carries to help the St. Francis Xavier X-Men to a 29-24 victory over the Mount Allison Mounties in Antigonish.

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Mooseheads stumble out of pre-season with losses

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HOCKEY The Halifax Mooseheads will hope the conclusion of the QMJHL pre-season isn't a sign of things to come.

The Mooseheads, entering a rebuilding campaign, dropped a pair of games to the Moncton Wildcats on the weekend, falling 2-1 on Friday at the Sportsplex and 5-2 on Saturday in Moncton.

Halifax finished the pre-season with a 1-3 record.

Second-year forward Travis Randell and rookie forwards Charles Bety and Alexis Piette found the net. Veteran Mark Yetman played a game and a half



Mark Yetman

and allowed seven goals on 51 shots. Rookie Mathieu Corbeil stopped all 10 shots faced.

Rookie forward Gabriel Desjardins, Halifax's top pick in June's draft, collect-

ed a pair of assists on Saturday.

The Mooseheads open the regular season on Friday at 7 p.m. on the road against the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles. They will be without high-scoring forwards Logan MacMillan and Tomas Knotek, who are off to NHL training camps.

Their home debut is Friday, Sept. 19, against the Val-d'Or Foreurs.

In other QMJHL pre-season action yesterday, Lower Sackville's Ben Duffy — the fifth overall pick in June's draft — scored twice to lift the Prince Edward Island Rocket to a 4-1 win over the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles in Charlottetown.

Tigers soccer squad roaring out of gates

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SOCCER The Dalhousie Tigers men's soccer team only needed opening weekend to match last season's win total.

The Tigers, who finished last at 1-8-4 last year, beat the Acadia Axemen 2-0 yesterday at Wickwire Field to successfully open the Atlantic University Sport season.

Wes Hawley was player of the game and Julian Perrotta and Kerry Weymann provided the offence.

The Saint Mary's Huskies, meanwhile,

opened the season with a pair of wins, beating the St. Francis Xavier X-Men 2-0 yesterday and the Acadia Axemen 3-1 on Saturday.

In women's action, Dal-

housie battled to a 0-0 draw with Acadia yesterday at Wickwire Field.

Host Saint Mary's lost 2-0 to St. F.X. yesterday and 1-0 to Acadia on Saturday.

The defending national women's champion Cape Breton Capers, ranked No. 1 in the country in the pre-season rankings, were scheduled to face the Prince Edward Island Panthers yesterday, but weather conditions resulted in the game's postponement.

Sports in brief

RACING Wayne Smith won his second straight race and third of the Carquest Pro Stock Tour season on Saturday. The Timberlea native won the Lucas Oil 150 in Shediac, N.B., to solidify his lead atop the tour's point standings heading into this weekend's final race, the Parts for Trucks 200 on Saturday at Scotia Speedworld. Rookie-of-the-year contender Craig Slaunwhite of Terence Bay finished second.

BASEBALL Dartmouth Moosehead Dry trails the Kentville Wildcats 2-0 in the Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League best-of-seven semifinals. Dartmouth, the five-time defending provincial champion, hopes to stave off elimination when it heads to Kentville for Games 3 and 4 tomorrow and Friday. Dartmouth already has a berth at the 2009 Canadian championship because it is hosting the event.

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Workology



Pet pampering

With an estimated value of \$4 billion in Canada, the pet industry is creating more jobs than ever for fans of fluffy, furry critters. A recent study by market research firm IBISWorld Inc. showed that veterinary and pet pampering services have grown steadily in the last nine years. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Vicky and Dakota to the rescue

OddJobs

Diane Peters



In April 2007, when she was still getting all her pet detective skills in order, Vicky Vaughan ran into a woman at the Dartmouth, N.S., SPCA who had just lost her cat. "I asked myself: 'Should I, or shouldn't I?' Then I looked at her face and my heart broke," recalls the 43-year-old.

Vaughan and her husband Mario Audet drove to the woman's house that night. Vaughan got her beagle Dakota on the cat's scent and ten minutes later he found kitty hiding under a shed two doors down. "That told me this is the right thing to do," says Vaughan.

Only six months before that, Vaughan first heard about animal response technicians while watching Dogs with Jobs on TV. Who would help if one of her two cats were to go missing? "If no else is going to do it, I'm going to do it," she quickly decided. She flew down to California in Octo-

ber 2006 and took a course through Pet Hunters International (now called Missing Pet Partnership) that taught her how to use CSI-like techniques to find lost pets.

Back at home, Vaughan adopted Dakota from the pound and trained him to find her cats; first indoors and then hidden outside. She read up on cat be-

The Lowdown

Job title: Pet Detective
Salary: \$175 per search
Education/Training: A five-day course offered by U.S.-based Missing Pet Partnership

Best Part of the Job: "When the animal is home and everyone's happy, you just don't get better than that."

Worst Part of the Job: "When you just can't find the pet and you don't have any answers and the animal's probably deceased."

haviour and psychology.

After that first successful find, Vaughan put up her website Petdetective.ca and let word of mouth — much of it through the SPCA — find her work. She charges \$175 per job and puts all her earnings back

into the company. So far, she's found 65 pets and has an 80-per-cent success rate.

The gear and the dog are important, but so are her detective skills. She starts every search by interviewing the pet's owner to better understand how far it may have gone, how it will react if trapped and whether it's even tough enough to take up with a feral colony.

Vaughan gets calls from all over Nova Scotia and Canada as there are only two licensed pet detectives in the country. "I'd like to do this full time. I'd like to see it offered across Canada."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.



Pet detective Vicky Vaughan and her cat-tracking beagle Dakota.

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Diffusing bad situations in four steps

JON TATTIE
for Metro Canada



Long, low walls are the key to dealing with irate customers, says Jeffrey Hosick, a business coach based in Kentville.

Not brick walls, of course, although that might sometimes seem desirable. Hosick, a psychotherapist with his PhD in counselling, says establishing psychological boundaries allow you to scale down the situation and take control.

When staff declare boundaries, he says, it allows them to take responsibility for their environment, and start to influence it.

Hosick turns to the

method a New York banker learned the hard way, in a course he gives to top executives called "How To Teach Others Your Boundaries In Five Easy Minutes Without Arguing, Begging or Violence."

"Most of the time when we have boundaries, they're high walls," Hosick explains. "The question is, what if they were wide walls and low, instead of high walls and thin?"

It's about building the boundaries so you can see things happening before they explode in your face, rather than blinding yourself with high defences.

Hosick breaks it down to a four-step process:

- Awareness. You've got a customer shouting in your face. "Say, 'Sir, are you

aware you are yelling at me?'" counsels Hosick. Be polite and don't raise the alarm — or your hackles. Just make the irate individual aware of the situation.

Hosick says the natural response is to match the customer's anger and defend yourself. "It doesn't matter what the guy is yelling at me. I'm already distressed and it's hard to hear him." So quiet yourself down to make yourself heard.

- Make a request. Things are escalating, and you need to fix your boundary. Make it clear that yelling is outside of that boundary.

"Say, 'Sir, I need to ask you to stop yelling at me,'" says Hosick. Keep it polite, and formulated as a request so that the customer has

face-saving space to climb down.

- Move to end it: If the customer is still hollering themselves a new shade of red, take the situation under your control by moving it to the next level. "Say, 'Sir, if you don't stop yelling at me, I'm not going to serve you.'"

- End it: Stop serving the customer, or defer the matter up the chain of command. You've done your bit and it's out of your hands now.

The four steps build a long, low wall that protects you and resolves the situation. An instinctive high-wall approach would start with a ratcheted-up threat (Step 3), leaving little chance of calming the situation.

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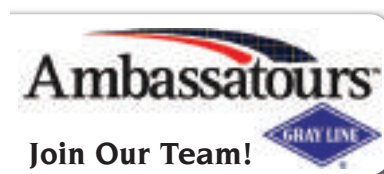
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Real gossip

Connie Meester, mother of Gossip Girl's Leighton, is writing a memoir, according to E! The book will reportedly include details of Leighton's birth while Connie was doing time for drug-related crimes. **TVGUIDE.COM**

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Spidey sense

Spider-Man actor Tobey Maguire is close to agreeing to a deal to return for two more films in the comic book franchise, according to reports. **BBC NEWS ONLINE**

Sticking to his guns

PHILLIP CROUCHER
for Metro Halifax

Port Hood's Mitch MacDonald considers himself the underdog against Alberta's Theo Tams in the finale of Canadian Idol.

Many would probably agree with him, but there's no question MacDonald has struck a chord with the national audience, and with several strong performances tonight, could very well come out on top in the hit TV show.

"I'm the only one to never be in the bottom three or two, but Theo has done his best from start to finish," MacDonald said. "I've been shaky along the way for sure, but I'm just happy to make it this far. Whatever happens, happens. I think there are great things to come for both of us."

After visiting New York to work with five-time Grammy winner John Legend, MacDonald and Tams will each sing three songs in tonight's one-hour episode. The songs will

consist of a judge's choice, their own choice and the new Canadian Idol winner's single, which, for the first time, will be different for each performer to reflect their individual styles. The Idol winner is named Wednesday during the two-hour finale.

"I'm going to stick to my guns and my musical taste," said MacDonald, whose parents and six siblings will be at both shows. "That's kind of the way I've been the whole way. I don't think it's a surprise if I do something a little bit obscure, because that's sort of my style, right?"

MacDonald has a unique voice, with the ability to play guitar and connect with an audience. Whether it's enough to make him the next Canadian Idol is to be determined, but whatever happens, his future looks bright.

"It is really amazing and humbling that I have some great fans out there," he said. "Hopefully I can play for them some day right across Canada."



Mitch MacDonald considers himself the underdog going into this week's Canadian Idol finale.

'Just enjoy it,' province's first Canadian Idol contender says

Gary Beals has some straightforward advice for Mitch MacDonald heading into the final of Canadian Idol.

"Just enjoy it as much as you can," said the Cherry Brook singer and 2003 Canadian Idol runner-up. "You know, he should be proud up to this point for making it this far."

Beals and MacDonald are the only Nova Scotians to make the finals in the show's five-year history.

Beals wound up losing to

Ontario's Ryan Malcolm, but used his new-found fame to record an album, which included the hit Summer Nights. Beals is now living in Toronto and working full-time with the Ontario government. He recently took a two-year hiatus from the music industry, but is now putting the finishing touches on his second album, an independent venture he plans to release early next year.

"The exposure that Canadian Idol gives you, the contacts they give you, it's good. I can't complain. It definitely has enhanced my career," said the 25-year-old. "If it wasn't for Idol, I definitely wouldn't be where I am today."

"It's definitely been an advantage and I'm grateful for the opportunity."

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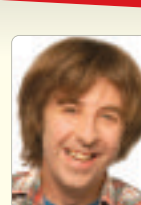
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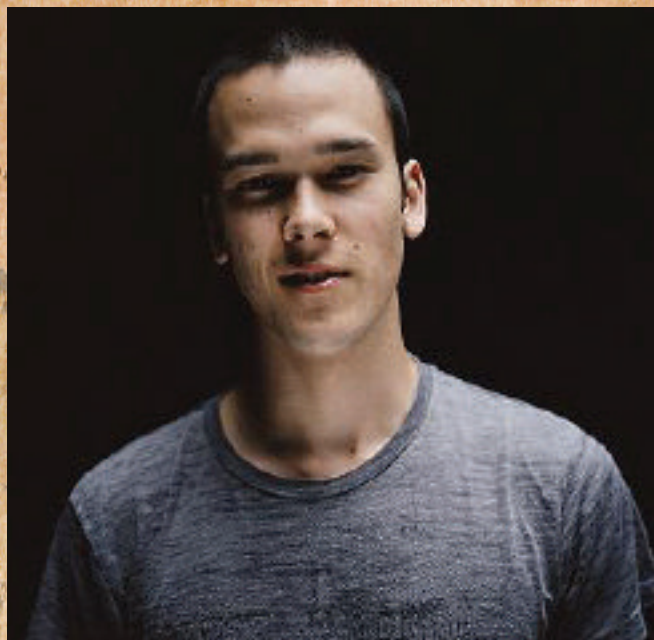
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Cruise picks up Monster rights

Tom Cruise and United Artists snapped up the rights to the serial killer novel *The Monster of Florence*. **TVGUIDE.COM**

Britney returns one more time

On-again, off-again queen of pop snags a surprising three VMAs

RAFAEL BRUSILOV
for Metro Canada



The MTV Video Music Awards went Hollywood last night for an evening invasion of Tinseltown at Paramount Studios.

Flashy entrances were the order of the day as German alt-rock outfit Tokio Hotel pulled up in a deliciously over-the-top monster truck, while hip hop singer-songwriter T-Pain, not to be outdone, arrived riding an elephant.

Despite the cavalcade of stars, the excitement around these VMAs centred around one thing: Britney Spears' return to television.

Last year's gloriously horrifying implosion, where a chubbed-out Britney looked strung out and confused as she fumbled her way through an unrehearsed performance, was hard to top.

As it turns out, Britney's nail-biting return was a bit of a letdown. The former queen of pop came briefly onstage to start the show and nervously flubbed her one line — "anniversary" is not yet a word in any English dictionary.

She did look fit and sober, however, and in a shocking turn of events that is sure to be debated hotly, took home the show's Moonman statues



Britney Spears accepts the Best Female Video award for Piece of Me onstage at the MTV Video Music Awards yesterday.

for Best Female Video, Best Pop Video and Video of the Year for her song Piece of Me. Rugged? Replay her acceptance speeches and make your own judgment.

Other winners included Chris Brown for Best Male Video, Lil Wayne for Best Hip Hop Video and Tokio Hotel for Best New Artist.

American Idol winner Jordin Sparks made the faux pas of the evening by insinuating people who don't wear abstinence promise-rings are sluts —

to which acerbic host Russell Brand later jibed, "A little bit of sex occasionally never hurt anybody."

Former Guns N' Roses guitarist Slash's appearance onstage to present the award for Best Rock Video was a bit jarring — not because of his age, but more because the weathered rocker's artistic credibility felt strangely out of place at the same show where lip-synch queen Ashlee Simpson graced the stage.

Rock'n'roll ripped off

Sounds Like Teen Spirit: Stolen Melodies, Ripped-Off Riffs, and the Secret History of Rock and Roll

Author: Timothy English
Publisher: iUniverse Star
Price: \$16.95 US (Paperback)

In this unique take on popular music history, English assesses nearly 100 recognizable songs and the compositions that "inspired" them, explaining the reasons behind the strong similarities. English takes on both obvious and even legally-proven sound-alikes, such as The Rolling

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Stones' Anybody Seen My Baby and k.d. lang's Constant Craving, and slightly more surprising pairs, like Bob Marley's Buffalo Soldier and the theme from

an obscure 1960s children's show. In doing so, English shows us the less glamorous side of songwriting — the external pressures to write a hit, lawsuits and the struggle for originality in today's overpopulated music business.

Ashley Petkovski/for Metro Canada

Walk of Fame takes in new stars

HONOUR Step aside Tinseltown. Toronto, dubbed "Hollywood North" for its active film industry, has its own star-studded Walk of Fame, and its biggest red carpet yet was rolled out on Saturday for this year's Canadian inductees.

Actor Michael J. Fox and director James Cameron were among those honored in front of hundreds of reporters and fans in the city already flooded with celebrities for the Toronto International Film Festival. This year's other luminaries from entertainment, sports and fashion include singers Bryan Adams and k.d. Lang, comedy troupe Kids in the Hall and NBA star Steve Nash.

REUTERS



TV gossip

Gossip Girl stars Blake Lively (shown near right) and Leighton Meester have reportedly signed a deal to guest-star on U.S. TV show 30 Rock. The actresses will feature in a Gossip Girl-inspired flashback sequence. **IMDB.COM**

Rock group Heart wants Palin to quit using song

The rock group Heart, angry that its '70s hit Barracuda is being used as the unofficial theme song for U.S. Republican Vice-Presidential nominee Sarah Palin, is taking aim at the Alaska governor.

The song, a nod to the "Sarah Barracuda" nickname Palin earned on the basketball court in high school, was dusted off for her appearance at the Republican National Convention last week.

Heart singers Ann and Nancy Wilson said a "cease-and-desist" letter has been sent to the Republicans asking them not to use the song. "The Republican campaign did not ask for permission to use the song, nor would they have been granted that permission," according to a statement issued on behalf of the sisters.

The McCain campaign said it had obtained the appropriate licenses to play the song. "The McCain campaign respects intellectual property rights,"



Republican vice-presidential nominee Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin appears at a campaign rally on Saturday.

spokesman Brian Rogers said. "Accordingly, prior to using Barracuda at any events, we paid for and obtained all necessary licenses."

Last month, rocker Jackson Browne sued Republican presidential candidate John McCain, the Republican National Committee and the Ohio Republican Party, accusing them of using his 1977 hit Running on Empty in a campaign ad without permission.

Copyright law may not be on the Wilsons' side as the song is licensed for public performance under a blanket fee paid by the venue to ASCAP, the firm that collects royalties on behalf of composers and copyright owners.

Barracuda appeared on Heart's second album, Little Queen in 1977. The song was inspired by the band's anger over an obnoxious record label executive.

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Mickey Rourke caps comeback with winning film in Venice

FILM Hollywood outsider Mickey Rourke capped his big screen comeback on Saturday when The Wrestler, in which he plays a lonely, washed out fighter, won the Golden Lion for best film at the Venice festival. Directed by Darren Aronofsky, the moving tale poignantly echoes Rourke's own troubled life in and out of the boxing ring and film studio, and critics are tipping the star for an Oscar nomination early next year.

German director Wim Wenders, president of the



Mickey Rourke arrives for the award ceremony at the Venice Film Festival.

jury, suggested Rourke could have also won the best actor prize in Venice, but the festival does not allow a Golden Lion winner to pick up best acting awards too.

REUTERS

24 pauses production for rewrites

TELEVISION Fox's 24 is stopping the production clock for 18 days to allow writers to work on upcoming scripts. Filming on the real-time drama will be shut down Sept. 15, after the completion of episode 18. It will resume Oct. 9.

The idea for the unscheduled hiatus came from 24 executive producer/showrunner Howard Gordon who was concerned about the quality of

several scripts.

The work stoppage won't affect the launch of 24's seventh season slated for January.

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Box office

Following are the Top 10 films at the North American box office for the three-day weekend beginning Sept. 5, led by the new release Bangkok Dangerous, according to studio estimates compiled yesterday by Reuters:

1 Bangkok Dangerous
\$7.8 million US

2 Tropic Thunder
\$7.5 million

3 The House Bunny
\$5.9 million

4 The Dark Knight
\$5.7 million

5 Traitor
\$4.7 million

6 Babylon A.D.
\$4.0 million

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9/8/08	31	31	31	ABC News (N)	ABC Wild News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	High School Musical: Picture	CMA Music Festival: Country's Night to Rock			
	7	7	7	ASN The Road to Avonlea	Robson Arms	TMZ (N)	Sarah Connor Chronicles	America's Toughest Jobs (N)	Comedy Now			
	11	11	11	CBC Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Canadian Country Music Awards (HDTV)		CBC News: The National	The Hour			
	2	2	2	CBC-F Terre humaine	Grand-papa (N)	Virginie (SC)	Les Parent (N)	L'Auberge du chien noir (SC)	Hauts			
	32	32	32	CBS News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Big Bang Th How I Met	TwoHalf Men Old Christine			
	69	69	69	CFTM TVA 18 heures	Le Cercle (SC)	Les Gags	Bloopers	Juste pour rire (SC)	Dr. House (HDTV) (SC)			
	6	6	6	CHIF Entertainment	ET Canada	House		Wipeout (N)	Prison Break (HDTV) (N)			
	9	9	9	CJCH eTalk	Hollywood	Canadian Idol		Big Bang Th TwoHalf Men	CSI: Miami "Ambush"			
	10	10	10	ELTV EastLink Mag.	Body & Soul	Atlantic	Build It	Fishing The Job Zone	EastLink Television			
	36	36	36	FOX Deal-No Deal	The Simpsons	TwoHalf Men	TwoHalf Men	Sarah Connor Chronicles	Prison Break (HDTV) (N)			
	12	12	12	NBC News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	Deal or No Deal (N)	America's Toughest Jobs (N)			
	29	29	29	NW BBC World	Business	CBC News	Newman	The Hour	CBC News: The National			
	4	4	4	PBS-B NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Greater Boston	Chronicles		Antiques Roadshow	History Detectives (N)			
	35	35	35	PBS-D NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Business Rpt.	BBC World		Change Your Brain, Change Your Life	Bob Graton Les Voisins			
	68	68	68	TQS Les Simpson	Flash (SC)	CT'une joke	Criss Angel	CSI: NY (SC)	Squeeze Play			
	23	23	23	BNN Business News	Headline	Market Call	Berman's Call	Money Talks Business News	Squire King Live			
	18	18	18	CNN (5) The Situation	Headline	Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center	Larry King Live			
	54	54	54	GOLF News Conf.	Golf	Faldo - Azinger Challenge		School of Golf Golf Central	Golf Central Golf Central			
	52	52	52	RSE Prime Time Sports	Week-Baseball	Jays		MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Chicago White Sox. (HDTV) (Live)	101 Cars-Drive Car Crazy (N)			
	55	55	55	SCOR Score Update	Game On	RaceNight		MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Chicago White Sox. (HDTV) (Live)	(10:15) WWE Monday Night Raw			
	45	45	45	SPD Unique Whips		Pinks (HDTV)	Pass Time	This Week in NASCAR (N)	101 Cars-Drive Car Crazy (N)			
	53	53	53	TSN Off the Record	SportsCentre	NFL Football Minnesota Vikings at Green Bay Packers. (HDTV) (Live)		Han, Montana Life Derek	Ned's School			
	43	43	43	FAM Zoey 101	World of Quest	Johnny Test		Zack & Cody	Natural-Sadie			
	44	44	44	TOON World of Quest	Johnny Test	George-Jungle	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show	Eleen	Total Drama			
	26	26	26	TREE Fil-FloTrotts	Backyardigans	Wonder Pets	Night Grdn	Buckel-Dinos	Franklin			
	27	27	27	YTV Drake & Josh	ICarly	The Next Star		Prank Patrol	Futurama			
	16	16	16	A&E Cold Case Files (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Game Over"		Intervention "Sylvia"	Intervention After			
	70	70	70	APTN News	Notre Peuple "Bal de Neige"			La Cité	Mishkenita			
	50	50	50	BET 106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live				Baby Boy *** (2001, Drama) Tyrese Gibson, Omar Gooding.	Flic et Rebelle ** (1989, Crime Drama)			
	37	37	37	BRVO Street Legal		Desperate Housewives		DanceSport	La Noubia Cirque du Soleil			
	97	97	97	CLT Mysterious Ways		Judging Amy		Radical Dreamer-Graham Spry	Victoria's Empire			
	25	25	25	CMT Cheerleader Nation		Cheerleader Nation		Karaoke Star "Halifax, NS"	CMA Music Festival: Country's Night to Rock			
	49	49	49	COM Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Farce	Just for Laughs	Corner Gas	The Simpsons			
	153	153	153	COURT Situation Critical		The Investigators		The Practice	Legal Briefs			
	38	38	38	DISC Canada's Worst Driver		Daily Planet (N)		MythBusters	Vermintors (N)			
	34	34	34	HGTV Holmes on Homes		House Hunters	Property Virgin	Design U Home to Stay	Property Virgin			
	46	46	46	HIST Tank Overhaul		NCIS		Battle 360 "Call to Duty"	Tank Overhaul			
	17	17	17	MM Video on Trial	Video on Trial	Legally Blonde		MuchTopTens (N)	MuchNews			
	19	19	19	MMM MusicProfile	mmmtop10.com	Revival		Listed (Part 1 of 2)	Where You At			
	201	201	201	M1 A Mighty Heart	(7:25) You Belong to Me (2007)			Stargate Atlantis (N)	Californication			
	23	23	23	OLN The Amazing Race		Ed's Up	Videos	How Not to Die	Californication			
	51	51	51	PEACH Friends	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	The Pelican Brief *** (1993, Suspense) Julia Roberts, Sam Shepard.	Mantracker "Buck & RJ"			
	206	206	206	PIX (6:30) Dead Silence		(8:15) The Outsiders ** (1983, Drama) Matt Dillon.		A Fish Called Wanda (1988, Comedy)	Le Club des ex			
	67	67	67	RDI RDI en direct	RDI en direct	Love-Death	Love-Death	A communiquer	Kenny-Spenney			
	39	39	39	SHOW Prime Suspect 6: Last Witness		End of Leash	ET Canada	End of Leash	Spoiled Rotten			
	40	40	40	SLICE Matchmaker	Til Debt-Part	Lost "Pilot" (Part 1 of 2)		Star Trek	Battlestar Galactica			
	47	47	47	SPACE Stargate SG-1 (DVS)		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	Without a Paddle ** (2004, Comedy)			
	14	14	14	SPIKE CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		The Ellen DeGeneres Show		TMZ (N)	eTalk			
	98	98	98	STAR eTalk Festival Party		Little People	Little People	Take Home Nanny (HDTV) (N)	Jon & Kate			
	21	21	21	TLC What Not to Wear		TV Made, Do It	Very Bad Men	What Happen?	Make or Break			
	34	34	34	TROP News Show	News Show	Pekin express (Partie 2 de 12) Kazan.		Vie privée, vie publique "Spéciale 25 ans"	McLeod's Daughters (N)			
	20	20	20	TVS Que-champion	Journal de Fr2	Murder, She Wrote		Prime Minister	May-December			
	28	28	28	V Just Cause "Pilot"		Will & Grace	Friends	How Clean	House			
	22	22	22	W Shopping Bags	Style by Jury	Will & Grace	Friends	Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)	Love It or List It (N)			
	251	251	251	WGN My Wife-Kids	According-Jim	TwoHalf Men	Family Guy	One Tree Hill (HDTV) (N)	WGN News			

critics' corner

Canadian Country Music Awards

Mention Canadian country music artists, and most fans in the States will think, "Shania Twain." But there's plenty of hometown talent north of the border making music that's more than a little bit country, and the best of them are honored at this gala from Winnipeg. Terri Clark, a nominee for female artist of the year, hosts the festivities. Newcomer Jessie Farrell leads the pack with seven nominations. 8 PM on CBC



Vermintors

Don't snack while watching this new series. It gets up close and personal with Los Angeles' vermin — and we're not talking about drug dealers and gang-bangers, but the real thing: rats and roaches and other things that make you go, "Ewww." 10 PM on DISCOVERY

Jon & Kate Plus 8

If you didn't buy stock in Huggies, you're too late. Jon and Kate Gosselin's 3-year-old sextuplets are out of diapers and into the world. With 7-year-old twin sisters adding to the chaos, the family struggles with seemingly ordinary life events such as pumpkin picking and birthday parties. Sure, they're an adorable bunch, but don't let that fool you. By virtue of their numbers they could clear the earth like locusts. 10 PM on TLC

Celebrity Buzz

Allen speaks about spat with John

PEOPLE Lily Allen has spoken out about her spat with singer Elton John at a London awards show last week, People.com reports.

"Elton John and I are friends," the pop star writes in a new entry on her MySpace blog.

The online posting refers to an incident when an apparently tipsy Allen clashed with John at the GQ Men of the Year awards ceremony, which the pair co-presented on Sept. 2.

As Allen, 23, introduced a segment as a "very special point in the evening," John, 61, said, "What, you are going to have another drink?" Allen shot back, "F--- off Elton, I'm 40 years younger than you."

On her blog,

Allen also denies that she was disgracefully drunk, claiming that she did nothing wrong by taking advantage of the free booze.

"I'm not defending my drunkenness because I don't need to, I'm 23 it was an awards ceremony, I drank the free champagne, how awful of me," she writes.

She also blames the media for over-hyping the supposed feud.

"Trying to create a feud on the other hand, and trying to make me out as being some rude little girl with a drink problem is just unfair," she says.

"Elton and I exchanged jokes and there were no hard feelings at all, in fact neither of us gave it a second thought."

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Stefani's life improved

CHILDREN Gwen Stefani says having a second child has helped make her marriage stronger, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer, who gave birth to second son Zuma Nesta Rock last month, revealed her relationship with her husband, singer Gavin Rossdale, has improved since they welcomed their new child.

"Gavin loves being a dad and he wants to have a bigger family, too," she said. "I feel we are closer

in many ways now that we are building something together outside our own crazy relationship. We feel so blessed to be able to share this experience together and see how we have both become more romantic and caring for each other, simply because we have seen how beautiful it is to have come this far together and started a new chapter in our lives."

Stefani also has a two-year-old son, Kingston, with Rossdale.

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celebrity brief
Lohan turns down Playboy

PEOPLE Lindsay Lohan has turned down a \$700,000 US offer to pose nude for Playboy magazine, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress posed nude as screen icon Marilyn Monroe in New York magazine earlier this year.

However, Lohan's representative reportedly told Playboy: "She's not going down the New York magazine road again."

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

Lindsay Lohan has reportedly turned down \$700,000 US to pose nude for Playboy magazine. If you're scoring at home, that works out to roughly \$1 per freckle.

At first glance, it would appear that someone with the surname Lohan has publicly exhibited a modicum of class, self-restraint, modesty and dignity. Normally, that would cause me to begin stockpiling canned goods in my basement and fashioning a tinfoil hat in anticipation of the end of the world as we know it.

But don't worry. These are the Lohans we're talking about. You know that 15 minutes after Lindsay turned down the offer, mother-of-the-millennium **Dina Lohan** was presenting younger sister **Ali Lohan** at **Hugh Hefner's** door, complete with fake ID, and an offer to personally appear in the photo shoot at no extra charge.

My only question is how the drooling dean of defilement restrained himself from accepting.

I'm sure this is a case not of the principle, but of the price tag, being rejected. Lindsay must have been somewhat chuffed that the offer was less than seven figures, what with the sequel to **Herbie, Fully Loaded** certainly due to begin filming any day now.

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celebrity brief

Mendes seeing therapist

HEALTH Eva Mendes has sought out a therapist to help her deal with fame, imdb.com reports.

The actress, who checked into rehab for undisclosed reasons earlier this year, admits therapy has helped her become a better star, and a more charitable one.

"Up until recently, I was really uncomfortable with having success and enjoying it," she tells Eonline.com.

"I just couldn't deal with that: 'How can I have so much? It's not fair.'"

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Moore finds love again

RELATIONSHIPS Singer/actress Mandy Moore has dated several fellow stars, but she found her latest love interest outside the Hollywood scene: He's an artist named Andre, intouchweekly.com reports.

"She is really into him and loves that he's not famous," says a friend. Ever since the pair met at a party two months ago,

they've been inseparable.

"They don't go out late and both like being at home. She also loves that he's down-to-earth," the friend says. "She glows when she talks about Andre."

The 24-year-old was last linked to singer Ryan Adams, but broke up with him in early July.

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Brown, Rihanna not shacking up

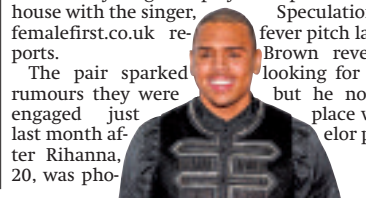
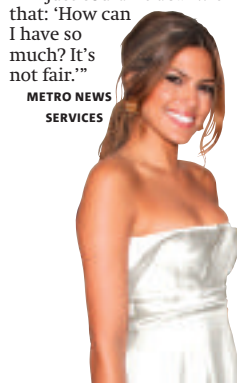
RUMOUR Singer Chris Brown has denied reports he has moved in with girlfriend Rihanna, insisting he's too young to play house with the singer, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The pair sparked rumours they were engaged just last month after Rihanna, 20, was pho-

tographed wearing a diamond ring on her wedding finger, and now gossip columnists are hinting the couple is living together.

Speculation reached fever pitch last week when Brown revealed he was looking for a new home, but he now insists the place will be a bachelor pad.

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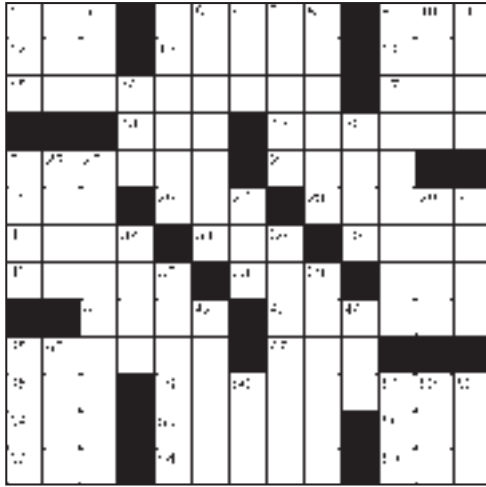
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Lima makes acting debut

Supermodel Adriana Lima, right, will make her acting debut on an upcoming episode of *Ugly Betty*. Lima will be hired to pose on the pages of the show's *Mode* magazine's "sizzling hot issue." **PEOPLE.COM**

**Take Five****Crossword down**

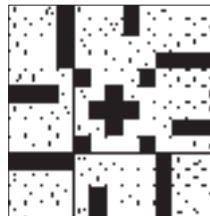
- 1 Donkey
- 2 Personal question?
- 3 Moray
- 4 Expired, as a subscription
- 5 Loop member?
- 6 Blackbird
- 7 "— are red ..."
- 8 Logo
- 9 Card game for one
- 10 Admitting customers
- 11 Male deer
- 16 "Eewww!"
- 20 Make tea
- 21 Cuts the grass
- 22 From the beginning
- 23 Lawyer in London
- 27 Journal
- 29 Bridge
- 30 Weight
- 32 Verifiable
- 34 Whim
- 37 Landlord
- 39 Hot-water heater
- 42 Unemotional
- 44 Also
- 45 Get ready, for short
- 46 Took the bus
- 50 Cover
- 51 On the — vive
- 52 Samovar
- 53 Yang counterpart

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Crossword across

- 1 Shock partner
- 4 Perjurers
- 9 "Mayday!"
- 12 That woman
- 13 Bother
- 14 Choose
- 15 Egocentric's problem
- 17 Meadow
- 18 Vegas-based TV series
- 19 Receding
- 21 With face hidden
- 24 Kind
- 25 Yoko of music
- 26 Atl. state
- 28 Dog walker's tether
- 31 Ridge raised by a heavy blow
- 33 Sinbad's bird
- 35 Use a paper towel
- 36 Marble cake pattern
- 38 Tie up the phone
- 40 U.K. fliers
- 41 Pool hall supply
- 43 Powerful
- 45 Church VIP
- 47 Brazilian resort city
- 48 Deteriorate
- 49 "To be or not to be," e.g.
- 54 Tokyo's old name
- 55 Reserved or preserved
- 56 Swiss canton
- 57 Apiece
- 58 Actress Winona
- 59 Quaint stopover

previous day's answer

**Horoscopes****AVATAR VENUS****ARIES**

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Contact with nature has a stimulating effect. It might be to your advantage to make a drastic change. Listen to advice, but go your own way.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Shake off undesirable companions. An unhappy co-worker has harsh things to say. A crook is caught doing an evil deed.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

People are shocked when you appear to be stubborn. A love affair develops intensity. There's a surprise concerning money.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

A fateful encounter with an authority figure takes place. Strong feelings help you come out of your shell. Take good care of a vulnerable person.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

An unwelcome guest provides a positive experience. You can start relating well to a cynical person. A fascinating package will arrive.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Listen intently to a long-winded optimist. Shocking news is heard of a vital work issue. Be there for a friend who needs help.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

A surprise guest provides a feeling of relief. A member of a clique needs a doctor. A former enemy creates a happier atmosphere.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

It's dangerous to act rashly. Do deep breathing to calm down. An unselfish person cringes when you sound off.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

A foreign country has an impact on a controversy. Everyone you meet has an interesting story to tell. A neighbour is put on the spot.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Ancient emotional history goes through your mind. A complex mix-up leads to hurt feelings. Don't be coerced into making decisions.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

A babbling fool makes contact and gives joy. Dealing with possessions causes a racket. The way to heaven is found by a kind person.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

Sometimes you just have to say yes and bring flowers. Make plans with a special person. Controversial news brings affairs at work to a climax.

Sudoku

	4	7				8	9	
				8	6			
8	3			9			4	1
		1	3		7	2		
7								6
		3	4		8	1		
1	8			7			2	3
			2		9			
	7	9				5	6	

This day in history

SEPT. 8, 1331: Stefan Dušan declares himself king of Serbia.
 SEPT. 8, 1504: Michelangelo's David is unveiled in Florence.
 SEPT. 8, 1831: William IV was crowned King of Great Britain.
 SEPT. 8, 1966: The first Star Trek series premieres on NBC.
 SEPT. 8, 1968: The Beatles perform their last live TV performance on the David Frost show.
 SEPT. 8, 1974: Watergate Scandal: U.S. President Gerald Ford pardons former President Richard Nixon for any crimes Nixon may have committed while in office.
 SEPT. 8, 1975: Gays in the military: U.S. Air Force Tech Sergeant Leonard Matlovich, a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War, appears in his Air Force uniform on the cover of Time magazine with the headline (printed in all uppercase) "I Am A Homosexual." He is later given a general discharge.

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HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

previous day's answer

5	9	6	8	4	1	3	7	2
1	3	7	9	2	6	4	8	5
8	2	4	3	5	7	1	9	6
4	8	2	5	6	9	7	3	1
6	1	9	4	7	3	2	5	8
7	5	3	2	1	8	6	4	9
2	7	5	6	8	4	9	1	3
9	4	8	1	3	2	5	6	7
3	6	1	7	9	5	8	2	4

Under 13: Genius
 13-17: Scholar

17-21: Smart
 21-25: Not bad

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WORDY GURDY

Wordy Gurdy is a word puzzle game that challenges your vocabulary and spelling skills. It features a grid of letters where you must find words hidden within. The game is available on various platforms and is a great way to test your word knowledge.

Halifax weather

Afternoon	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Mainly sunny. 22°	Clear. 13°	Sunny. 21° / 11°	Mainly sunny. 19° / 9°	Sunny. 18° / 9°

Temperature Normals
 High: 20.7°
 Low: 12.1°

Records
 High: 33.3°/1945
 Low: 4.4°/1967

Sunrise: 6:45 a.m.
 Sunset: 7:37 p.m.
 Moon does not set
 Moonrise: 4:05 p.m.

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